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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4351

INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OREP

SUBJECT: CODEL TO

AAI CONFERENCE IN MASERU: FREETOWN STOP

FOR H- ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR

REFTELS: A) FREETOWN 3612 (NOTAL) B) FREETOWN 3781

1. PRESIDENT STEVENS CALLED ME THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON CONCERNING PROGRAM OF CODEL. ALSO PRESENT, IN UNUSUAL SHOW OF FORCE AND INTEREST, WERE VICE PRESIDENT KOROMA, AND CHIEFS OF MILITARY AND POLICE. STEVENS INFORMED ME THAT BECAUSE OF PREVIOUSLY PLANNED APC CONVENTION, (REFTEL A, PARA) HE AND PRACTICALLY ALL OTHER IMPORTANT GOSL OFFICIALS ARE NOT PLANNING TO BE IN FREETOWN DEC 3 OR DEC 4. THEREFORE, AND BECAUSE CODEL MEMBERS ARE THEMSELVES POLITICIANS AND SHOULD, IN ANY CASE, NOT SEE FREETOWN SO MUCH AS THE RURAL AREAS AND THE "PEOPLE," PRESIDENT PERSONALLY AND GOSL WOULD LIKE INVITE CODEL TO VISIT APC CONVENTION IN MAKENI AS SPECIAL GUESTS.

2. MAKENI IS ABOUT THREE HOURS ON REASONABLY GOOD ROAD BY GREYHOUND TYPE BUS. THERE IS NO AIRPORT NEAR MAKENI. PRESIDENTAIL
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SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 4 WOULD APPROXIMATE FOLLOWING:

0800- DEPART CAPE SIERRA HOTEL
1100- ARRIVE MAKENI
ATTEND CONVENTION- MEET THE EPOPLE-TRADITIONAL
DANCERS
1300- LUNCH
1430- DEPART MAKENI
1730- RETURN TO HOTEL

3. ALTHOUGH INVITATION IS TO ENTIRE CODEL, I AM SURE THAT,
SHOULD SOME MEMBERS OF CODEL WISH TO REMAIN IN FREETOWN, BEACH, SIGHT
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SEEING, AND PURCHASING CAN BE ARRANGED SIMILARLY TO REFTEL SUGGESTION
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4. WE APPRECIATE FACT THAT LOGISTICS IN WASHINGTON MAY NOT ALLOW
APPROPRIATE REACTION TO THIS TURN OF EVENTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.
IF THIS IS SO, WE SHOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CABLING REACTION FROM DAKAR.
SAMUELS

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